

The Oregonian

ESTABLISHED 1850

1320 S.W. BROADWAY PORTLAND, OREGON 97201-3499

FOIA
HOT

05-00307F

BRENT HUNSBERGER
REPORTER
BUSINESS NEWS TEAM

503.221.8359
FAX 503.294.4079
BRENTHUNSBERGER@NEWS.OREGONIAN.COM

December 28, 2004

U.S. Department of Education
Office of the Chief Information Officer
550 12th Street, SW, PCP, 9th Floor, Room 9148
Washington, DC 20202-4750

Dear FOIA Officer:

I am a newspaper reporter for The Oregonian in Portland, Oregon. Under the federal Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. Section 552, I seek access to the reports on audit of financial statements submitted to the department by Business Computer Training Institute Income Fund-I, or BCTI Income Fund I, for fiscal years 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004. This request excludes any of BCTI's Compliance Attestation Engagement of the Title IV Student Financial Assistance Programs, which have already been provided to The Oregonian through a previous FOIA request. BCTI Income Fund I operates the Business Computer Training Institute (BCTI), a vocational school headquartered in Gig Harbor, Wash.. The school has an OPE ID number of 025321 that is based in Everett, Wash.

As you know, the FOIA at Section (4)(A)(iii) provides that "Documents shall be furnished without any charge or at a charge reduced below the fees established under clause (ii) if disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester."

This request fits the above definition of the public interest. This request is being made on behalf of The Oregonian for newsgathering purposes. Therefore, I ask that this request should be granted a full fee waiver. If a fee waiver is denied in whole or in part, the processing of this request should move forward without delay. If for any reason these records are not released, please cite the specific exemptions under FOIA that you believe justify withholding them.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Brent Hunsberger

1320 SW Broadway
Portland, OR 97201
503-221-8359
FAX: 503-294-4079